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On 25 August the Revolutionary Military Council received a request dated 24 August from Ma-lin-no-fu-ssu-chi<sup>1</sup> for the Chinese Communists to recruit 2,000,000 civilian laborers before the end of September 1951. Half the number are to be recruited by the middle of September. Another 50,000 are to be enroute to Harbin by 10 September. (sic) These men will not be used in battlefields in the Far East but will be transferred to the USSR and from there to battlefields in the Near East as a labor force.

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Comment. This labor may possibly be for the construction of an oil pipe line from Persia to the USSR.

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Comment. Although it may be that the Soviets have now demanded laborers to work outside of China, the numbers of men and the speed with which the men are to be recruited seem to have been exaggerated in this report.

1. Comment. Ma-lin-no-fu-ssu-chi is probably Malinovsky, Commander-in-Chief of the Soviet Far Eastern forces.

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